

## REMARKS

Claims 1 – 31 are pending.

Claims 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, and 31, stand objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 1-15, 18-22, and 25-29, stand rejected.

Claims 1-15, 18-22, and 25-29, are canceled herein.

Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the elements of claims 11, 14, 15, and original claim 16. Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the elements of claims 18, 21, 22, and original claim 23. Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the elements of claim 18 and original claim 24.

Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the elements of claims 25, 28, 29, and original claim 30. Claim 31 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the elements of claim 25 and original claim 31.

No new matter has been entered. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all of the outstanding objections and/or rejections of the claims, Applicants submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance, and an allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them, or credit an overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 502262.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that on this 29th day of June, 2006, the Amendment A is being filed via the Web Enabled Patent Filing System (EFT-WEB).

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